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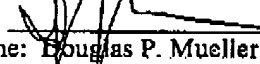
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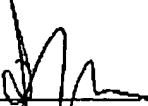
In response to the Election of Species Requirement mailed January 9, 2006, Applicants elect Group a) (claims 1-16) without traverse. Applicants respectfully request that the claims in Group b) (claims 17-20) be retained for possible reinstatement in the event that the elected claims are allowable.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3478.

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